

FUN RUN?

Fun Run? Fun for whom? For the watchers, lining the route, staring in disbelief and wonderment as grown up men and women staggered up hills designed solely for the use of cars, glutinous saliva being spat out between gasps? Fun for the lads and lasses of Years 7 to 9 who seemed to run and beat us old codgers without even breathing heavily? Even the little lad ahead of me, as we splodged our way through the bog along part of the route, did not seem to notice that for 10 metres he had lost his shoe; back he went, pushed it on and zooooomed past me. Perhaps it was fun for the PTA helpers at the finishing line; those marvellous Mums and Dads who put in so much time and effort to help the school but are usually in the background. They had to endure the biting cold wind and had to rescue all the sheets of runners' names which blew underneath the Maths block. David Trippier seemed to enjoy starting us off with the pistol when we managed to make it work; it was good of him to take a break from electioneering. Yes! in different ways, it was fun for all of us. Even the horse, several dogs and a cat enjoyed themselves. Certainly the prize-winners had a good time. They were Richard Heap, first person home; Joel Heap, L6, second and first pupil; Heather Parrott 8S, first girl home; and to Kathryn Bradley 10G and Mary Cross 10G who won the fancy dress as De Two Rons.

We made a profit of over £1400 on the day, thanks to all the efforts of the 120 or so runners who worked so hard afterwards to collect money from their sponsors. Nicholas Kennedy 7M raised the most sponsor money - well done Nicholas. With money made from several other events during the year, such as two fashion shows and an indoor car boot sale, the PTA has ordered 105 lockers at a cost of £2000. They will be installed by September and more money will be needed next year to buy many more. Special thanks to Mr. Keith Willacy who worked hard to organise the event.

I'll see you in your running tackle next year! See if you can beat me, (it will not be hard!)

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